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SUBJECT: TOLBERT STATEMENT ON ZAIRE

REF: MONROVIA 2075

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SUPPLIED US WITH THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S MARCH 25 CABLE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO. ALTHOUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS UNABLE TO IMMEDIATELY CONFIRM THE EXTENT OF DISTRIBUTION, WE ASSUME THAT COPIES OF THE TEXT WERE SENT TO PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND TO OAU HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS ABABA: "MY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER: I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE INITIATIVE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN IN AN EFFORT TO RECONCILE MISUNDERSTANDING WHICH APPEARS TO EXIST BETWEEN THE SISTER REPUBLICS OF ZAIRE AND ANGOLA, AND I HASTEN TO COMMEND YOU MY BROTHER FOR THIS TIMELY ACTION IN THE INTEREST OF PRESERVING OUR CHERISHED AFRICAN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY. WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH CONCERN THE DISTRESSING NEWS REPORTS OF AN ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SHABA PROVINCE IN SOUTHEASTERN ZAIRE AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS AGGRESSION IS BEING PERPETRATED BY THE

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KATANGA GENDARMES. LIKE YOUR GREAT COUNTRY, MY BROTHER, WE IN LIBERIA CONDEMN AND DEPLORE ALL SUCH ACTS OF AGGRESSION FROM WHATEVER SOURCE, AGAINST ANY COUNTRY AND THE WANTON USE OF MERCENARIES TO UNDERMINE AND SUBVERT LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS IN AFRICA. AS THIS GRAVE AND IMPORTANT MATTER HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS WELL AS MEMBER STATES

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, I ENCOURAGE AND URGE YOU
TO CONTINUE YOUR LAUDABLE MEDIATORY EFFORTS IN THE HOPE OF OCCASIONING

A SPEEDY AFRICAN SOLUTION TO THIS DISTURBING SITUATION AND THUS
ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNITY OF THE SISTER REPUBLIC OF
ZAIRE AND THE RESTORATION OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THAT
COUNTRY AND THE SISTERLY REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA. I ASSURE YOU OF
MY FULLEST COOPERATION IN ANY WAY THAT I CAN BECOME INVOLVED IN
THIS MOST WORTHY UNDERTAKING. WITH RENEWED ASSURANCES OF
MY HIGHEST FRATERNAL CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM. SINCERELY, W. R.
TOLBERT, JR."
CARTER

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